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Applicants: Karen M. Downs
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For: CHIMERIC MAMMALIAN ALLANTOIS
Group Art Unit: 1633
Examiner: M. Wilson

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified case and in response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2000, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 21-23.

Please insert new claims 24-27:

24. A method of observing vasculogenesis comprising the steps of preparing an isolated allantois culture and observing vasculogenesis.

25. A method of evaluating the effect of test compounds on blood vessel formation comprising the steps of:

- a) applying the test compound to a cultured allantoid explant, and
- b) observing the effect of the compound on

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